

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of playing a casino table poker-type game comprising:

- a player placing an Ante wager on the poker-type game;
- the dealer providing at least one hand to the player placing the wager on the poker-type game;
- the dealer providing at least two hands to the dealer;
- the player electing to a) fold, b) place a wager to compete against less than all dealer hands, or c) placing a wager to compete against all dealer hands; ~~and~~ disclosing all of the dealer's at least two hands; and resolving wagers made in accordance with b) and c).

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the player's hand and each dealer's hand have a same number of cards.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein the same number of cards is two cards.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the dealer is dealt exactly three initial hands and the player is dealt one hand.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the player makes an optional side bet wager against a payable on the rank of the player's hand.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein when all dealer's hands are below a predetermined qualifying rank, the player will be paid more for having rank in the player's hand than if the dealer had at least one hand equal to or above the predetermined rank.

7. (ORIGINAL) A method of playing a casino table card game with a player hand competing against at least one dealer hand, wherein a player makes an ante wager and elects to make a bonus wager, wherein the player is paid a first amount for a

predetermined hand on the bonus wager when the at least one dealer hand qualifies with an at least predetermined rank and is paid a second amount for a predetermined hand on the bonus wager when the at least one dealer hand rank does not qualify with an at least predetermined rank in the casino table card game, wherein the first amount is different from the second amount, and neither the first amount or the second amount is zero.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7 wherein the first amount is a factor based on the rank of the predetermined hand.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8 wherein the second amount is a multiple of the factor for the first amount.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of playing a casino table poker-type game comprising:

- a player placing an Ante wager on the poker-type game;

- the dealer providing one hand to the player placing the Ante wager on the poker-type game;

- the dealer providing three hands to the dealer which are initially dealt dealer hands;

- the player electing to a) fold, b) place a wager to compete against a lower two poker ranked hands in the dealer hands, or c) placing a wager to compete against all three dealer hands as poker hands; and

- disclosing all of the dealer's three hands; and

- resolving wagers made in accordance with b) and c).

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein each dealer's hand consists of two cards.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein at least one initially dealt dealer hand contains more cards than other dealer hands and wherein cards are discarded from the at least one initially dealt dealer hand until the numbers of cards in each dealer hand are equal.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein each of the dealer's three hands must be of at least a minimum predetermined rank in order to play against the player or players.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 13 wherein the minimum predetermined rank is a 6 high rank.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein the player elects one of step a, b or c after being provided with an opportunity to view the player hand.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 wherein the player elects both step b) and step c) after being provided with an opportunity to view the player hand.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein the wager made in step b or c is equal to the ante.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein the wager made in step b is a multiple of the ante.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein payout odds on step b if made is 1:1 and payout odds on step c if made is 3:1.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 13 and further comprising the step of placing an optional side bet on one of a predetermined winning hand combinations, wherein if the dealer does not qualify and the player has made the optional side bet and has obtained a predetermined winning hand combination, the player is paid an enhanced award.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 20 ~~120~~, wherein the enhanced award is 2X a posted payout amount.

22. (NEW) A method of playing a casino table poker-type game comprising:

a player placing an Ante wager on the poker-type game;
the dealer providing at least one hand to the player placing the wager on the poker-type game;
the dealer providing at least three hands to the dealer;
the player electing to a) fold, b) place a wager to compete against two of the at least three dealer hands, or c) placing a wager to compete against all of the at least three dealer hands; and
disclosing all of the dealer's at least two hands;
resolving wagers made in accordance with b) and c).

23. (NEW) A method of playing a casino table poker-type game comprising:

a player placing an Ante wager on the poker-type game;
the dealer providing at least one hand to the player placing the wager on the poker-type game;
the dealer providing at least two hands to the dealer to be ranked under a single set of poker game rules;
the player electing to a) fold, b) place a wager to compete against less than all dealer hands, or c) placing a wager to compete against all dealer hands;
disclosing all of the dealer's at least two hands; and
resolving wagers made in accordance with b) and c).

24. (NEW) The method of claim 23 wherein the player's hand and each dealer's hand have a same number of cards.

25. (NEW) The method of claim 24 wherein the same number of cards is two cards.

26. (NEW) The method of claim 23 wherein the dealer is dealt exactly three initial hands and the player is dealt one hand.

27. (NEW) The method of claim 23 wherein the player makes an optional side bet wager against a payable on the rank of the player's hand.

28. (NEW) The method of claim 27 wherein when all dealer's hands are below a predetermined qualifying rank, the player will be paid more for having rank in the player's hand than if the dealer had at least one hand equal to or above the predetermined rank.